

WEATHER: For Kentucky  
Fair and warmer Saturday

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The circus will be in Ford's field on North Main street.

Senator James will open his Kentucky speaking campaign Oct. 16 at Mayfield.

Chas. E. Craik, the Louisville man hurt in an auto accident, now has a chance to recover.

Let every Democrat who lives in Hopkinsville register next Tuesday. The unregistered voter loses his vote.

Voters in Jefferson county outside of Louisville will not be required to register, the law being held unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals.

The Rev. Dr. C. E. W. Dobbs, for many years a leading member of the Southern Baptist ministry, died suddenly Thursday at the home of his son, Charles Dobbs, in Louisville.

State Forester, J. N. Barton, has appointed H. G. Dickerson forest warden for this county to serve during the "fire season," which usually starts about the first of October.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan is scheduled to make an address at Elizabethtown, on Thursday, October, 19th in the interest of the Wilson-Marshall ticket.

Nearly a million people have been made homeless by one of the greatest floods on record in that section of China where the American Red Cross already has spent \$600,000 for flood protection.

Harry A. Garfield, son of the martyred President, has declared that he will vote for Wilson for President. President Eliot, of Harvard University, has declared his intention of doing the same thing.

The Court of Appeals ruled that the nomination of M. J. Meagher, of Frankfort, for a Senate seat made vacant by the retirement of Senator George Speer, was void because the Governor had not issued a writ of election.

During the summer girls at Sapulpa, Okla., were caught bathing in the city's reservoir from which drinking water was obtained and much trouble was had keeping them out. The Chief of Police says he is glad cold weather has come.

Nine book-makers in Lexington were fined Thursday without the formality of a trial, the verdicts being entered on a submission of law and facts. Eight were fined \$200 and costs and one \$50 and costs.

One thousand cigarmakers in five factories went on a strike at Tampa, Fla., Thursday, for higher wages for piece work. The men demand increases ranging from \$1 to \$7 per thousand for work on mold-made cigars.

According to a report from the Southern Railway 174 persons trespassing on the road's right of way were killed during the year ending June 30. The reports says that trespassing seems to be on the increase everywhere, despite the warnings against it.

There will be no registration in rural precincts of Jefferson county. The Court of Appeals reversed the Jefferson Circuit Court, which had refused an injunction to Charles Ogden to restrain the Sheriff and County Clerk from holding the registration. The court held the act of 1916 unconstitutional.

A Petrograd dispatch says that Field Marshal von Hindenburg's new plans are arousing much discussion in the Russian capital because the German Commander-in-Chief is known to attach more importance to the Eastern than Western front. Russian military observers believe that Von Hindenburg is even prepared to retire to the Rhine rather than permit a further Russian advance and a defeat in the Balkans.

KING STILL  
HESITATES

With Rebellion Spreading Declaration of War Is Delayed.

## HIS OVERTHROW HINTED

Great Battle Develops on Eastern Front Between Luts and Valdimir Volynski.

London, Sept. 29.—Greece's entry into the war on the side of the entente allies has not yet been announced. An unofficial dispatch from Athens gives the text of the proclamation of a provisional government in Crete by former Premier Venizelos and Admiral Coundoriotis which declares that if the king should decide not to take the lead of the national forces "it is our duty to do the needful thing to save the country from ruin."

## MYTILENE JOINS REBELLION.

Athens, Sept. 29.—The local loyal officers and soldiers of the garrison in Crete who are said to consist of a third of the Greek force on the island, have requested the entente allied consuls to provide means for their return to Athens.

The island of Mytilene has joined the Venizelist movement, all the local authorities having placed themselves under the "committee of national defense," established in Saloniki.

## NAVY IS UPSET.

The departure from Athens of Admiral Coundoriotis besides causing a deep impression on the king, has completely upset the navy. The Greek battleship Hydra and two torpedo boats have left the anchorage with the Greek fleet and joined the entente allies fleet in Salamis bay.

The king called a conference of Premier Kologeropoulos, General Moschopoulos, the chief of staff, Rear Admiral Damianos, the minister of the marine, and Nicholas Strathos, ex-minister of marine, at the palace this morning to discuss the action to be taken in view of the silence of the entente powers respecting Greece's proposal to join the allies, made through the Greek minister at the entente capitals ten days ago.

## BRITISH MAKE SMALL GAIN.

Except for a fresh attack on the part of the British which gave them the greater part of a German redoubt north of Thiepval and six hundred prisoners, the troops on the entente allies lines in the region between the Somme and Ancre rivers in France apparently are taking a breathing spell and consolidating positions captured in the great offensive which began last Monday and has already netted them Combles, Thiepval and other strong German positions at various points along the twenty mile front.

During the work of consolidation, however, the big guns of the British and French are hurling tons of steel against the new positions the Germans have taken up, doubtless in preparation to another fresh attack with Bapaume and Peronne the ultimate objective.

## BIG BATTLE IN EAST.

Meanwhile a big battle is in progress on the eastern front in the region between Luts and Valdimir Volynski, around Svinusky and Korynitza, where the Russians are attempting to advance, but the Teutons are impeding them by heavy counter attacks.

## HALF MILLION PRISONERS.

The Russian general staff announces that since General Brussiloff began his offensive 420,000 officers and men of the Teutonic allies have been made prisoners and 600 cannon and 2,500 machine guns and mine throwers have been captured.

Around Petroseny and Hermannstadt in Transylvania the Teutonic allies and the Rumanians are engaged in bitter fighting but with no important result having been attained by either side. The situation in the Dobruja region is unchanged.

RINGLING BROS.  
HERE TODAY

Show Carrying More Than 1,350 People and 2,000 Animals Will Exhibit.

## TWO PERFORMANCES

Three-Mile Parade Will Be Given on Principal Streets of City.

Ringling Bros.' World's Greatest Shows will give two performances in this city today—afternoon and night. The first show train was scheduled to arrive about daylight, coming from Evansville where the big circus exhibited yesterday. This tremendous organization travels on a train divided into four sections made up of 89 cars. There are about 1350 people with the show, a herd of 31 elephants, 735 horses and 108 dens of wild animals.

The circus parade—and even that is sure to attract the grown-ups as well as the youngsters—will leave the show grounds soon after 10 o'clock and traverse the usual line of march through the principal streets of the city. It is promised this procession will be more gorgeous and beautiful than any previous processional display ever seen in Hopkinsville.

It will be more than three miles in length and will include not only all of the famous Ringling horses, but a long line of glittering tableau wagons and allegorical cars, as well. There will be scores of handsome floats filled with gaily garbed dancing girls; a "Wild West" section will include cowboys, cowgirls and Indians from the plains and ranches of the far West.

A company of Cossack riders from Russia will form another section of the parade and practically all of the finest specimens of the Ringling menagerie will appear in great open dens. Almost the entire herd of elephants, thirty-one of them, will also participate in the procession. The music will be rendered by six bands and two calliopes. Another striking feature will be a mounted band and a team of twelve camels, broken to bit and bridle and driven like horses, drawing a huge parade float.

The main tent program will open with the stupendous fairyland spectacle "Cinderella," which is said to be the most gorgeous of all the great pantomimic productions staged by the Ringling Brothers.

More than 400 performers will participate in the various acts in the three rings, two stages and the aerial rigging, and of this number more than two-thirds are foreigners, making their first appearance in America this season.

Among the novelties will be Antonio Zingaro, and his band of reckless gypsy riders; M'le. Leitzel, the world's greatest lady aerial gymnast; the Tamaki troupe of Japanese jiu-jitsu experts; the Ching Hing Lee troupe of star performers from the Chinese Imperial Circus of Peking; Birdie Ford, premier danseuse of the high wire; the Joseffson troupe of the Iceland athletes; the world famous Clarksons, and the Nelson troupe of daring aerialists; the Lloyd family of riders, and the McCree-Davenport riding troupe. A feature of the performance will be a complete circus of trained animals, designed especially for the children, and including wonderful troupes of trained bears, ponies, dogs and monkeys.

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On the Macedonian front Paris reports the repulse of Bulgarian attacks on both sides of Florina. There have been bombardments by the British of positions of the allies of the central powers by land batteries in the vicinity of Doiran and by warships in the Aegean sea.

Aside from an infantry attack by the Austrians in the upper Cordevole valley, which Rome says was repulsed, only artillery duels have taken place in the Austro-Italian theater.

NEW YORK  
STRIKE FAILS

Little Evidence of a Tie-Up Can Be Found Anywhere.

## RELUCTANT TO GO OUT

Few Unions Answer Sympathetic Strike Call—Leaders Still Hopeful.

New York, Sept. 29.—The widely exploited sympathetic "walkout" of trades unionists in Greater New York in aid of the striking carmen, which was supposed to have started yesterday, had not materialized last night, according to the police. The labor leaders claimed, however, that upward of 140,000 workers actually had quit their places, but refused to make public the names of any unions answering the call. The police declared they were unable to find any evidence of a general strike.

TOM MCGEEHEE  
ARRESTED

Alleged Slayer of "Dick" Wells in Todd County Caught in Muhlenberg.

Elkton, Ky., Sept. 28.—Tom McGehee, charged with killing W. H. Wells, at his home on Rabbit Ridge Monday afternoon, was arrested at the home of his son, Dillard McGehee, at Vancroft, Muhlenberg county, by Deputy Sheriff W. T. Clardy and H. T. McIntosh, of the county, and Chas. Wickliffe, of Muhlenberg, and brought here and lodged in jail. His examining trial is set for October 7. The killing has created intense excitement in that section of the county.

McGehee claims that he acted in self defense and that the dead man's father, Ren. H. Wells, started the trouble by cursing and abusing him and his grandson, Taylor McGehee, as soon as they appeared at the Wells home, where, according to McGehee, they had gone to fire some tobacco raised on Wells' place by Taylor McGehee. He says that Dick Wells soon appeared and taking a shotgun from his father's hands, began shooting. He claims one shot struck him before he opened fire on Wells.

McGehee's wound, although it bled freely and enabled the officers to track him for miles by blood stains on the ground, is not serious. A warrant for Taylor McGehee, Tom McGehee's 14-year-old grandson, who was present at the time of the killing, was issued this morning and a message received late this afternoon was to the effect that the youth had been arrested.

FINE LAND  
TO BE SOLD

Will Be Offered For Sale at The Courthouse Monday Morning.

Mr. A. H. Wallace, of Newstead, announces that, if not sold privately before, he will, on next Monday, offer at public sale at the courthouse in this city, 150 acres of land. This land is a part of his Newstead farm and has on it a good tenant's house, tobacco barn, and other improvements. About 30 acres in good timber. This farm is well located and is a most desirable tract.

## Signs of Weakening.

Great Britain has withdrawn regulations for the importation of cigar tobacco, but the new order has no relation to the protests of the dark tobacco growers of Kentucky.

RAINED ON  
THE ORPHANS

The Last Day's Session Was Marred By Inclement Weather.

## FAIRVIEW TRIP LEFT OFF

Meetings Thursday Were Held In The Avalon, Where Dinner Was Served.

Following a brilliant reception at the Elks Home Wednesday night, the Orphans Brigade concluded its session Thursday.

The last day was marred to some extent by heavy rains. For this reason the expected all day visit to the birth place of Jefferson Davis, at Fairview, had to be foregone, except for a brief visit paid it during the afternoon by some of the veterans who were especially interested in it.

At noon the dinner which had been prepared by the ladies of Hopkinsville and which was to have been served at Fairview, was spread at the Avalon.

The vim and spirit evidenced by the old veterans was a subject of general comment here. They walked about the streets and paraded with martial step and bearing. One of the number, T. J. Jeffries, who is eighty-four years of age and who served with the 24th North Carolina infantry, demonstrated his nimbleness by standing on his hands at his hotel.

The reception Wednesday night was a very enjoyable affair. Mrs. P. E. West, the president, and other ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, were assiduous in their attentions to the old veterans, who were present. Many citizens attended to show them every honor and courtesy.

Delicious ice cream and angel's food cake were served.

COMPLICATIONS  
CAUSE DEATH

Mrs. M. J. McCord Passes Away After An Illness of Many Months.

Mrs. M. J. McCord died Wednesday morning at her home on the Buttermilk road, about five miles north of the city, after a lingering illness of a complication of diseases. She was 54 years old and a member of the Methodist church. Ten children, five sons and five daughters, survive. Her funeral services were held at the residence Thursday afternoon by Rev. Lamden and the interment took place in the Boyd burying ground.

## CAPT. CHAPMAN'S MOTHER.

Mrs. L. K. Chapman mother of Capt. A. G. Chapman, of Louisville, formerly of this city, died Thursday night at the home of her son, aged 75 years. The burial will take place in Owensboro this morning.

## FULL FLEDGED AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Nick Doumas has been granted his final certificate as a naturalized American citizen and will cast his first ballot in the special primary election on Oct. 21. Mr. Doumas is a native of Greece, but has been living in Hopkinsville for about eight years. He came to America from Greece about twelve years ago.

## RAIN CAUSED POSTPONEMENT.

On account of rain the Draper Bros. sale, which was advertised for Thursday, was postponed until next Tuesday.

BEARD CASE  
IS TRIED

Went to the Jury Yesterday After Two Days Hearing.

## VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

The Indictment Against Ernest Wilson, Col., For Murder, Is Dismissed.

The case against Geo. S. Beard, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from Miss Mabel Maddux and others in a contest conducted for the Hopkinsville Kentuckian in August, 1914, was begun Wednesday and the following jury from the regular panel accepted by both sides without challenges:

Jno. T. East, Lewis Hamby, Leonard Fuller, G. H. Major, B. F. McKinney, H. M. Cornelius, J. M. Dollins, F. M. Dulin, Gus K. Stephens, John Murphy, Ira Harris and W. P. Ward.

The trial was entered into Thursday morning and argument was begun by the attorneys at 11 o'clock yesterday.

The Commonwealth introduced Mrs. C. F. Shelton, to whom the first prize in the contest, an automobile valued at \$523, was awarded by Beard, the contest manager, following a count of the votes. She elected to take \$500 in cash in lieu of the car and was paid that amount. She did not remember how much money she paid in.

Chas. M. Meacham, proprietor of the Kentuckian, stated that he employed Beard to conduct the contest on a commission and that after awarding the car to Mrs. Shelton, Beard failed to account for \$300 the voting slips turned in showed she had paid to him. He took Beard's receipt for the amount due him also the shortage and attempted later to adjust it with him in a final settlement, but never did. Beard never accounted to him for any part of the \$300 and when Miss Maddux complained to him, he set aside the award to Mrs. Shelton, although \$500 had been paid to her, and gave Miss Maddux the automobile. He also returned several hundred dollars to other contestants and satisfied all complaints. Mrs. Mable Boyd Anderson, T. L. Morrow, E. G. Shelton and L. J. Maddux were other Commonwealth witnesses. The defendant entered a general denial of fraud and claimed that he turned over all money collected.

The court instructed the jury to consider the question as to whether Beard had obtained money under false pretenses, regardless of any subsequent settlement of Beard with Meacham.

Frank Rives, attorney for the defense, spoke for one hour, taking the ground that the evidence was insufficient to convict and pleading for his acquittal.

Commonwealth's Attorney Smith spoke for the prosecution after the noon vacation and the case went to the jury at the conclusion of his speech and at 4 o'clock a verdict of not guilty was returned.

The following cases have been tried or disposed of this week:

W. H. Jones, fraudulently selling mortgaged property. Dismissed. Creed Minor, c. d. w. Dismissed. Mattie Taylor, maintaining nuisance, fined \$25.

Ernest Wilson, charged with the wilful murder of Jno. M. Renshaw, tried and convicted jointly with Bubber Chafin, who has since been acquitted on a new trial; prosecution dismissed and defendant released from jail.

Christian-Todd Tel. Co., obstructing public highway. Fined \$20.

The case against Joe Marquess and M. D. Grubbs, charged with burning a barn, was dismissed after the commonwealth witnesses had been heard.

E. C. Walton, of Stanford, Ky., has bought the Richmond Register.